(b) if so, since when along with the details of the programmes;

(c) whether Government have any plan to telecast such educational programmes in other Indian languages as well; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) educational programmes are transmitted by them in English and Hindi through Gyan Darshan—1 channel since January 26, 2000. It is now a 24 hour satellite based national educational and development channel which offers informative programmes of relevance and value to various categories of learners. These programmes are contributed by major educational institutions such as IGNOU, UGC, NCERT, IITs, etc.

(c) and (d) Sanskrit language programmes are being telecast by IGNOU twice in a day on Gyan Darshan since 6th September, 2003. The regular transmission of Urdu programmes is also being done on Gyan Darshan since 27th October, 2005.

Unhygienic food being served as mid-day meal

129. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unhygienic food is being served to school children under Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received in this regard; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by Government to provide hygienic food under mid-day meal to school children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Government of Bihar has informed that a few complaints regarding poor quality of food served under Mid-Day Meal Scheme were received. District magistrates have been asked to enquire into the matter.

State Government has further stated that guidelines on observance of hygiene in preparation of meals have been issued *inter-alia*, stipulating:

(1) Training of cooks engaged for cooking.

(2) Testing of food by teachers before serving it to children.

To ensure uninterrupted, clean and hygienic food, Central Government has also exhorted State Governments to mobilize mothers of school children to oversee, by turn, the preparation and serving of the meal.

'Education for All' Goal

130. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high powered National Co-ordination Committee to review 'Education for All' goal and suggest ways to accelerate its progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to undertake a mid-decade assessment of its progress; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A National Coordination Committee was set up last year to coordinate and review activities of different agencies and Departments working for Education for All.

The Committee will, *inter alia,* advise the Government on all aspects of EFA, with special reference to the following:

> Policy aspects relating to EFA

> Identification of areas of shortfall and steps to be taken for their rectification

> Identification and dissemination of best practices/models for EFA

> Raising community awareness of EFA

> Convergence of schemes of various Departments/agencies for achieving the goals of EFA

Review of State-wise progress in achieving the EFA goals.